GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether pulses are imported in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of pulses imported during the last three years alongwith the value of foreign exchange spent on it; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to reduce the import of pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) There is a shortage of pulses in the country. In order to augment the domestic availability, import of pulses, except toxic pulses is free. The quanity and value of pulses imported during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Qty. (Tons)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1997-98	1008161	119464.38
1998-99	563602	70881.36
1999-2000 (Provisional)	203986	27377.15

Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta.